CHAPTER NO. 729

SENATE BILL NO. 823

By Ford

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1149

By John DeBerry, Sontany

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 71.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 18, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

63-18-215. In addition to the powers and duties granted to or imposed upon it by other provisions of this chapter, the board shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) Prescribe the minimum curricular and minimum standards for schools of massage therapy and for courses of training that prepare persons for licensure under this chapter;
- (2) Approve such schools and courses as meet the requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the board;
- (3) Issue certificates of approval to such schools and courses that meet the requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the board; and
- (4) Conduct hearings for disciplinary action against schools or courses that fail to meet the minimum requirements of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the board.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-18-203(f), is amended by deleting the words "fifty dollars (\$50.00)" and substituting the words "one hundred dollars (\$100.00)" after the word "compensation".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-18-205(b)(3)(A), is amended by inserting the language "and the board pursuant to Section 63-18-215" between the language "other states" and "; and".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 5, 2004

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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APPROVED this 24th day of May 2004

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR